(b) whether it is also a fact that the delegation broached the conceptualization of Ganga-Mekong Subarna Bhumi idea;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to conceptualize the said idea by formulating any policy in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir. The former Thai Foreign Minister visited some North-East States, *viz*, Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland from 9th to 23rd January, 2006 as part of a group of academics, scholars, media personalities etc.

(b) to (e) Government is not aware if the concept/idea of the Ganga-Mekong Subarna Bhumi was broached by the delegation with any interlocutors. Government supports the idea of active cooperation among, *inter alia*, Combodia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand and India within the Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC) initiative.

Unoccupied Government accommodation in Delhi

*382. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government accommodations that remained unoccupied during the last five years in Delhi;

(b) what was the revenue loss to Government on account of unoccupied houses, year-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to consider proposal of deducting Licence Fee and HRA only from the Government employee, who occupies the flat and not from his/her spouse, who is also a Government employee in order to have higher occupancy of Government accommodation and higher revenue to Goverment; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) A total number of 1079 Quarters of General Pool remained unoccupied in Delhi for more than one year in the last 5 years.

(b) Loss of revenue on account of Licence Fee of unoccupied Government accommodation each year during the last 5 years is as under:—

Year	Loss of revenue on account of Licence Fee of unoccupied Government accommodations (Rupees in lacs)
2001	0.56
2002	1.05
2003	5.16
2004	13.12
2005	23.25

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(d) These houses have remained vacant for various reasons including but not limited to deduction of Licence Fee and HRA from the employee and his/her spouse.

Authorised agents under Emigration Act, 1983

*383. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of authorized agents under Emigration Act, 1983 in Hyderabad who have been recruiting labourers for foreign countries and how many labourers have been sent by each of them to foreign countries during the last two years;

(b) whether Government are aware that a few agents whose licenses have expired since long have been sending labourers to foreign countries with connivance of Protector of Emigrants, Hyderabad;

(c) if so, the names of such recruiting agents and the number of workers sent by them after the expiy of their licenses; and

(d) what action Government have taken against them and the Protector of Emigrants, Hyderabad?